

--ABSTRACT

In a video tape recorder (VTR) the capstan draws the tape from which the video signal is reproduced in a forward direction. The following steps are used to control the capstan, applying a torque to the capstan in a backward direction for a first predetermined period of time. Applying a torque to the capstan in the forward direction for a second predetermined period of time and nullifying the motor current. This arrangement is particularly convenient for reproduction in slow-motion and still-picture modes.--

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